

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 2, 4-6, 11 and 12, drawn to a method of modulating, i.e., decreasing, a response to an antigen or improving MHC presentation of a T cell epitope comprising administering a conjugate comprising an HA polymer analogue and a class I MHC binding peptide;
- Group II: Claims 3, 6 and 9-12, drawn to a method of modulating, i.e., decreasing a response to an antigen or improving MHC presentation of a T cell epitope comprising administering a conjugate comprising an HA polymer analogue and a class II MHC binding peptide;
- Group III: Claims 13 and 14, drawn to a composition of matter and pharmaceutical composition thereof, comprising an HA-MHC-class I-restricted T cell epitope conjugate;
- Group IV: Claims 13 and 14, drawn to a composition of matter and pharmaceutical composition thereof, comprising an HA-MHC-class II-restricted T cell epitope conjugate;
- Group V: Claims 2, 4-8 and 11-12, drawn to a method of modulating, i.e., increasing, a response to an antigen or improving MHC presentation of a T cell epitope comprising administering a conjugate comprising an HA polymer analogue and a class I MHC binding peptide; and


Group VI: Claims 3, 6-8 and 11-12, drawn to a method of modulating, i.e., increasing, a response to an antigen or improving MHC presentation of a T cell epitope comprising administering a conjugate comprising an HA polymer analogue and a class II MHC binding peptide.

Applicant respectfully submits that examination of all currently pending claims would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner. Section 803 of The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states that “[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.” Applicant therefore respectfully requests examination of all currently pending claims.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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